



Trend: batters
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steeped in drama

For a long time, dark and dramatic paint colours were thought to make homes feel claustrophobic. But those who have taken the plunge with smouldering selections like Resene Double Foundry, Resene Dune, Resene Indian Ink and Resene Astronaut know the real power that these colours have to transform a space for the better. Off blacks, blue blacks and deep blue hues can bring a cocooning effect to a living space and create a sense of intimacy that can't be replicated with lighter tones.

Bring some balance and levity to the space with lighter coloured furniture painted in Resene Snow Drift, Resene Black White and Resene Alabaster. Rather than choosing a lighter colour for your ceiling, keep it dark and instead go for lighter paint colours like Resene Smokescreen or timber stains such as Resene Colorwood Natural on the floor for an uplifting effect that doesn't break the cocoon you've created.

Left: Timber wall stained in Resene Colorwood Sheer Black, batters in Resene All Black, floor in Resene Colorwood Natural, sideboard, coffee table and plant pots in Resene Snow Drift, pendant lamp in Resene Black White, lantern in Resene Half Black White, bud vase in Resene Quarter Drought. Sofa and cushions from Nood, rug from Freedom.

top tip

When opting for dark and dramatic colours, keep in mind that you may need to adjust your lighting to suit. Use lamps, accent lighting and dimmer switches to help create the right mood.



Resene
Half Black White



Resene
Black White



Resene
Snow Drift



Resene
Quarter Drought



Resene Colorwood
Natural









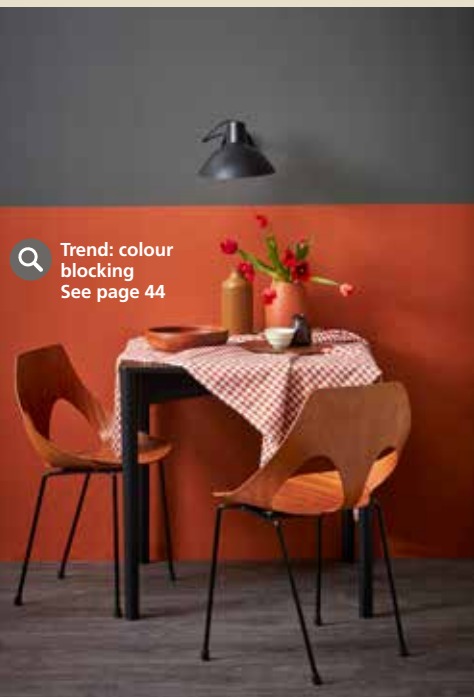
Resene Colorwood
Sheer Black



Resene
All Black

Below: Upper wall in Resene Dune, lower wall in Resene Ayers Rock, floor in Resene Colorwood Dark Ebony, vases in Resene Alert Tan, Resene Coconut Cream, Resene Digeridoo and Resene Ayers Rock. Dining table and pendant lamp from Good Form, chairs from Mr Bigglesworthy.





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|  | Resene Coconut Cream |  | Resene Digeridoo |
|  | Resene Ayers Rock |  | Resene Dune |
|  | Resene Alert Tan |  | Resene Colorwood Dark Ebony |



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Left: Wall in Resene Astronaut with 'spotlights' in Resene Echo Blue, floor in Resene Smokescreen, pendant lamps and plant pots in Resene Alabaster. Headboard, bedside tables, artwork, cushions and throw from Freedom, waffle bedcover and clock from Country Road, striped duvet cover and pillowcases from Ezibuy.

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|  | Resene Alabaster |
|  | Resene Echo Blue |
|  | Resene Smokescreen |
|  | Resene Astronaut |

top tip

It's common to think of black as being straight black, but in fact, there are many variations to choose from with undertones of blue, red, green and yellow as well as variants slightly softened with white. Always test your black with the rest of your palette in natural daylight and also at night to ensure all your undertones harmonise well with each other.

Resene Indian Ink 

Resene Double Foundry



Above: Given the harshness of our natural light, it is often better to lean into picking a charcoal grey as a wall colour rather than trying to get a true black, which can end up looking washed out and spoil the effect. Wall in Resene Double Foundry. Furniture and accessories from Nood.